

**Road Safety Norms**

1344. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "Time for imbibing road safety culture" appearing in the 'Hindu' dated the 23rd June, 2001;

(b) whether involvement of professionals, voluntary organisations and public at large has become necessary besides upgradation of skill of the heavy vehicles drivers; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The steps being taken are:

- (i) Giving grant-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes in order to create awareness among the public.
- (ii) Under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme, from the year 2000-2001, voluntary organizations are also considered alongside State agencies.
- (iii) National Award has been instituted for voluntary organizations/individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- (iv) All India Essay Competition on road safety are organized for school children for creating awareness among the school children.
- (v) Observance of Road Safety Week in the first week of every year across the country etc.